

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
MINUTES
FORMAL HEARING
AUGUST 19, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 2:05 p.m. at the Department of Health Professions, Richmond, VA.

PRESIDING OFFICER: James DeBell, DVM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Taryn Singleton, LVT
John Wise, DVM
Henry McKelvin, DVM
Kelly Gottschalk, DVM

STAFF PRESENT: Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director
Terri Behr, Operations Manager
Peter Opper, Administrative Proceedings Division
Eric Gregory, Assistant Attorney General
William Garrett, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT: Sabra A. Lucas, DVM
John Conrad, Esq.

MATTER SCHEDULED: **Sabra A. Lucas, DVM**
License No.: 0301201361
Case No.: 123831
Dr. Lucas appeared before the Board in accordance with a Notice of Formal Hearing and Statement of Particulars dated August 4, 2009. Dr. Lucas was represented by counsel, John Conrad, Esq. William Garrett, Assistant Attorney General, represented the Commonwealth. Eric Gregory was legal counsel for the Board.

Following the opening of the hearing and pursuant to a request from Dr. DeBell for preliminary matters, Mr. Garrett presented a Consent Order, signed by Dr. Lucas, in which Dr. Lucas agreed to the continued indefinite suspension of her license until March 2010, at which time she would be permitted to apply for reinstatement of her license to practice veterinary medicine. Pursuant to any such application, Dr. Lucas agreed and understood that she would bear the burden of proving to the

Board that she is capable to resume the practice of veterinary medicine. This Consent Order was presented to the Board in lieu of proceeding with the Formal Hearing.

CLOSED SESSION:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Gottschalk, the Board recessed Open Session and convened in Closed Session pursuant to §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of consideration of the Consent Order and deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of **Sabra A. Lucas, DVM**. Additionally, it was moved that Eric Gregory, Assistant Attorney General, Elizabeth Carter, Executive Director, Board of Veterinary Medicine and Terri Behr, Operations Manager, Board of Veterinary Medicine, attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.

DECISION:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Wise, the Board voted unanimously, by roll call vote, to accept the proposed Consent Order as presented by Mr. Garrett.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Formal Hearing adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

James DeBell, DVM - President

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director